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by the reference numeral 105 is disposed at each side of the engine and communicates with a forwardly opening discharge port of the respective exhaust manifold 84 and 85. It will be seen that the connecting pipe 105 is of a double wall construction having an outer wall 106 that is spaced from the inner wall 107 and defines therebetween a water jacket 108 that receives coolant from the engine cooling jacket in any suitable manner. The connecting pipe 105 merges into an expansion chamber device 109 which is disposed above the cylinder head 64 and 65 of each of the cylinder banks 42 and 43. This expansion chamber device also has a double wall construction defining a cooling jacket 111 there around. The expansion chamber device 109 passes back over the top of the engine 23 and terminates in a discharge nipple 112 into which the water from the cooling jackets 108 and 111 is dumped for mixing with the exhaust gases. [**The expansion chamber 109 includes an upstream end defining a diverging portion and a downstream end defining a converging portion. With reference to Figures 5, 7, and 8, the expansion chamber 109 is inclined with respect to the output shaft 24 such that the upstream end is higher than the downstream end.**]

IN THE CLAIMS

For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants have set forth below amended Claims 27, 28, 36, and 39 with deletions in brackets and additions in underlining showing only the changes made by way of the present amendment. A separate page is attached showing the amendments to Claims 27, 28, 36, and 39 with markings to show changes made relative to the issued patent.

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27. (Thrice Amended) A watercraft comprised of a hull defining an engine compartment, an engine contained within the engine compartment, and an exhaust system extending from the engine to an exhaust discharge, the engine including an engine body journaling an output shaft to rotate about a rotational axis, the engine body having at least one cylinder which defines a cylinder axis and which contains a piston connected to the output shaft, at least one exhaust port provided on a first side of a plane which contains the cylinder axis and the rotational axis of the output shaft, the exhaust system including an expansion chamber having upstream and downstream ends and being furthest upstream of all expansion chambers in the exhaust system, at least a portion of the expansion chamber